GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department- Diversion of 2.26 Ha of forest land in Sangam RF of Atmakur Range in Nellore Division for up-gradation of NH-67 from Km.707+500 to Km.708+880 to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh under NHDP-IV, in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 54 Dated: 15-09-2017

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF& HoFF, AP, Lr Rc.No.5710/2016/FCA-3, Dated.16-8-2016.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.4661/Section-II/2016, Dt.3-9-2016.
3. From GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr.No. 4-APB017/2016-CHN/1845, Dt.20-9-2016.
4. State Govt. Lr.No.4661/Section-II/2016, Dt.12-7-2017.
5. From GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr.No. 4-APB017/2016-CHN/1234, Dt.4-8-2017.

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ORDER:-

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, in his letter 1st read above, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 2.26 Ha of forest land in Sangam RF of Atmakur Range in Nellore Division for upgradation of NH-67 from Km.707+500 to Km.708+880 to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh under NHDP-IV, infavour of Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The proposal of PCCF in the 1st read above was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, vide their letter 3rd read above, have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein. Accordingly, the State Government vide letter 4th read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, while according in-principle (Stage-I) approval.

4. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, in their letter 5th read above, have accorded (Stage-II) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 2.26 Ha of forest land in Sangam RF of Atmakur Range in Nellore Division for up-gradation of NH-67 from Km.707+500 to Km.708+880 to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh under NHDP-IV, in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

5. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 2.26 Ha of forest land in Sangam RF of Atmakur Range in Nellore Division for up-gradation of NH-67 from Km.707+500 to Km.708+880 to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh under NHDP-IV, in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa, subject to the following conditions:-

i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

ii. The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over 5.00 Ha identified degraded Forest land in Compartment No.131, Daggavolu RF, Venkatagiri Range at the cost of User Agency.

iii. Identified Compensatory Afforestation (CA) land approved Compensatory Afforestation (CA) scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.

iv. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

v. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

vi. The User Agency shall dig trenches on either side of the road in order to avoid any further encroachments on the road side.

vii. The construction of culverts / bridges, if any, over the natural streams / rivers canals, should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper the movement of wild animals.

viii. Trees standing in the diverted area shall be felled strictly as per the requirements with prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned.

ix. There will be speed breaker on the road within the wildlife areas / wildlife crossings, along with frequent signage reminding cross of speed limits and the damage of wildlife hits.

x. The User Agency shall develop an integrated green corridor along the proposed road at the project cost as per the guidelines of the National Green Highways Mission.

xi. The muck shall not be dumped outside the road. The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed of at designated dumping sites and in no case, the muck / debris will be disposed of in the forest areas.

xii. Road side cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO so as to stabilize the soil.

xiii. The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible instead of felling at the cost of user agency.

xiv. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 2.26 Ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

xv. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sub leased to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.

xvi. The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under all other Acts, Rules / Regulation and Guidelines as may be applicable to such project. User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

xvii. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency.

xviii. The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the Regional Office, regularly.

xix. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)
G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

Copy to:
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The Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Kadapa
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER